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Representative Douglas Cordier
House Education committee
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana 59620

Re: SJ 16

Dear Representative Cordier,

SJ 16 helps to inform Montana schools about the availability of the Be Safe program, Montana's premier tool for delivering a gun safety message to children in grades one through three.

MSSA estimates that more than 90% of the households in Montana contain firearms. Even with this high density of firearms, Montana has fewer kids injured by firearms than the national average, per 100,000 population. According to available statistics, Montana only has 40% the national average of kids injured by firearms, per 100,000. This is because of our culture of safe use of firearms, something kids usually learn at home.

Despite this admirable record, we can do better. The Be Safe program conveys the same sort of safety consciousness as do programs for fire safety, traffic safety, electrical safety, and others. Be Safe is inexpensive to deliver, and contains a message tailored for Montana culture and Montana kids.

SJ 16 will save children's lives, at zero or miniscule cost to the state.

Please support SJ 16.

Sincerely,

Gary Marbut
president